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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below. Please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing fiber bundles comprising:
transporting a fiber bundle using at least one feed element;
cutting the fiber bundle strand into partial bundles, the partial bundles having a
length;
releasing the partial bundles from the at least one feed element;
gripping the partial bundles using at least one gripping element;